

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2017-103-T – ORDER NO. 2018-
_____,2018

**Application of Gamecock Moving, LLC for
a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of
Public Convenience and Necessity for
Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier**

**ORDER GRANTING CLASS E
HOUSEHOLD GOODS CERTIFICATE
STATEWIDE AUTHORITY**

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Gamecock Moving, LLC (“Applicant” or “Gamecock Moving”) to amend its Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPC&N”). Gamecock Moving was granted a CPC&N to serve Richland, Lexington, and Sumter counties on July 18, 2017. Order No. 2017-438. Applicant now seeks to amend its CPC&N to obtain authority to move household goods throughout the state. Notice of this Application was timely published pursuant to S.C. Code Reg. 103-132 on November 21, 2017. No third parties intervened, and a hearing on the Application was held on March 7, 2018.

The parties at the hearing were the Applicant, represented by Charles L.A. Terreni, and the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), represented by Jenny R. Pittman. In a letter dated March 6, 2018, the ORS informed the Commission it did not oppose Gamecock Moving’s Application.

Gamecock Moving called Gamecock Moving’s President, Dominic Macioce, as a witness. Mr. Macioce has been employed in the intrastate moving business since 2015, working for Tiger Moving, L.L.C. (“Tiger Moving”), Gamecock Moving’s sister company. Tiger Moving is based

in Greenville and offers statewide household goods moving services. Gamecock Moving benefits from Tiger Moving's expertise and referrals.

Applicant is exempt from having a safety rating from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Mr. Macioce also testified: there are no complaints or judgments against him or Gamecock Moving; he has adequate equipment and facilities to provide moving services and has adequate financial resources. Gamecock Moving maintains appropriate insurance, as evidenced by the certificates introduced at the hearing. Applicant will continue to use the tariff and bill of lading approved in its initial application. Applicant certified that it is familiar with, and will comply with all applicable statutes and regulations. Since, its initial certification, Gamecock Moving has purchased a truck, and hired full and part-time workers. Mr. Macioce estimated the company had handled nearly 100 jobs. He testified that Gamecock plans to purchase a second truck soon, and expand its operations, perhaps opening new locations over the next five years.

The Applicant submitted the deposition of shipper witness, Janet Sandifer, which was taken prior to the hearing with permission from the Commission. Order No. 2018-26-H. Ms. Sandifer, a real estate broker with 15 years of experience with her company in Greenville, South Carolina, described South Carolina's real estate market as "brisk". Deposition of Janet Sandifer, pp. 4-5. She is frequently asked to recommend movers of household goods, and it can be difficult to find qualified movers who are hardworking and ethical. *Id.* at p. 6. Ms. Sandifer said South Carolina needs more moving companies. *Id.* Ms. Sandifer is acquainted with the Applicant's principal, Mr. Macioce, as he handled a move for her when he was with Tiger Moving. *Id.* at pp. 6-8. She described his service as "excellent" and highly recommended Gamecock Moving for statewide authority. *Id.*

Tom Allen, Director of the ORS's Safety, Transportation and Emergency Response Department, testified the Applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide household goods services, and is a reputable carrier in good standing with a solid record of regulatory compliance.

The Commission finds Gamecock Moving has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to operate a household goods mover under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-330 and S.C. Code Reg. 103-133. We also find that the public convenience and necessity is not already being served by existing authorized services. Therefore, Gamecock Moving's Application for statewide authority should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Application of Gamecock Moving, LLC for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is approved for the Applicant to transport household goods to points and places throughout the state.
2. Upon compliance with S. C. Code Section 58-23-10 *et seq.*, and the applicable regulations for Motor Carriers, a Certificate will be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.
3. The motor carrier's services authorized by this Order will not be provided prior to compliance with the above-referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate.
4. Failure of the Applicant to either 1) complete the certification process by complying with the Office of Regulatory Staff requirements within ninety (90) days of this Order, or 2) to request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements stated above, will cause this Order granting the Application to be null and void, and the

Application will be dismissed without prejudice. No further order of this Commission is necessary.

5. Under the two-month reporting requirement continued in Order No. 2014-443 (May 21, 2013), the ORS is requested to furnish the name and docket number of the Applicant to the Commission, should the Applicant fail to meet the present Order. If such notification is provided, the docket will be closed.
6. This Order will remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Swain E. Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Comer H. Randall, Vice Chairman